

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Morgan Hatch

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**Comments for Public Posting:** However well-intentioned, the eviction moratorium is a stop-gap measure that has long since outlived its useful life. As a small landlord, I supported the City's efforts to forestall catastrophe when COVID first hit. Landlords were willing to carry City's water as policy makers searched for ways to mitigate the myriad consequences of a once-in-a-hundred year event. It would be hard to argue in good conscience, three years out, that we have not yet found our new normal. Mask mandates are over. Vaccines are readily available. The economy, however bent, did not break. Employment numbers are at all time highs, and wages are rising. To continue to endorse the notion that tenants do not have to now do their fair share is to denigrate their agency, to insist they be dependent. Self-certification, however necessary at the outset, is now an invitation to leech. The City stands alone in the State as an island of tenant subsidization at the expense of the people paying the mortgages. As a teacher here in LA, for every month my tenant withholds rent, I will be working three months to support his head-in-the-sand behavior. I could go on. Please do not extend the eviction moratorium.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ben Assa

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**Comments for Public Posting:** All pandemic related limitations are long gone, Children are in school, few in this meeting wear masks. Unemployment is in a historic low. Why should Landlords still be required to provide free housing to tenants without even proof of real hardship? If there are cases of REAL hardship, the city should pay the rent, but most cases of tenants not paying rent now that unemployment is so low is fraud.